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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BERG

SUBJECT: Air Force Support of CIA

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Following are my views concerning possible transfer of the CIA support function, now performed by AFRDR-P, to the NRO Staff:

(1) The existing system works fine - everyone is satisfied - including the CIA.

(2) This is actually an Air Force problem. Assets and resources involved are those of the Air Force, not the NRO.

(3) Air Staff contacts who work with AFRDR-P on this problem are exposed only to that program information required for them to perform their jobs - many of them have no special clearances. Absorbing this function into the NRO Staff would invariably associate (unnecessarily) the aircraft support function with the NRP (and SAFSS Space Systems with CIA). It creates a security problem.

(4) Many locations are involved in this activity - [REDACTED] Warner-Robins, Wright-Patterson, [REDACTED] for the B-2's is stored all over the world, etc. Much of the book-keeping needed to keep track of supplies, parts, fuel, people, etc. is handled as an overt - routine - Air Staff function.

Escalating this function to the Secretarial (NRO) level would require that either (1) we hire additional NRO Staff people to perform functions now assigned to the Air Staff elements or (2) that we interject the NRO Staff into a line function of supervising/managing those Air Staff personnel (i.e. those not assigned to AFRDR-P) involved in the support function.

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In summary, I see no advantage to transferring this function
th the NRO Staff - and there are disadvantages as outlined above.

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